

JC

Jan 29 04 03:19p JCWSCS 29 JAN 2004 Leonard Bloom

410 337 2296

P. 1

FAX TRANSMISSION

ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS
HANSON & BROOKS, LLP
Leonard Bloom, Senior Counsel
502 Washington Avenue, Suite 220
Towson, Maryland 21204
(410) 337-2295
Fax: (410) 337-2296

To: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office **Date:** January 29, 2004
Office of Initial Patent Examination's
Filing Receipt Corrections

Fax #: (703) 746-9195 **Pages:** 9, including this
cover sheet

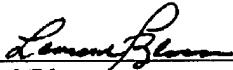
From: Leonard Bloom

Re: SERIAL NUMBER: 10/677,540 **FILING DATE:** October 2, 2003
APPLICANT: Hepburn et al. **OUR REF:** 02297-PA

Comments:

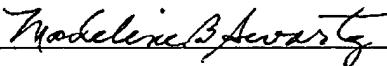
Please see the enclosed letter.

Respectfully submitted,



Leonard Bloom
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 18,369

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMITTAL
I hereby certify that this correspondence,
consisting of 9 pages, is being transmitted
via facsimile to the Commissioner for Patents,
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on
January 29, 2004 via fax number 703-746-9195.



Madeline B. Avery

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTE: The information contained in this facsimile is privileged and confidential, included only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copy of this telecopy is strictly prohibited. If you have received this telecopy in error, please immediately notify us by telephone and return the original message to us at the address listed above via the United States Postal Service. We will reimburse for postage on all such returned messages.

*** If you have any difficulty receiving this FAX, please call us at (410) 337-2295.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hepburn et al. *

Serial No. 10/677,540 Art Unit: 3743

Filed: October 2, 2003 Examiner: (to be assigned)

Title: ADJUSTABLE SPLINT DEVICE FOR RELIEVING CONTRACTURES

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

ATTN: Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please note that there is no section giving the "Assignment for Published Patent Application" on the enclosed copy of the Filing Receipt.

It is respectfully requested that the Filing Receipt be corrected as follows:

Assignment for Published Patent Application
DYNASPLINT SYSTEMS, INC.

Enclosed is a copy of the postcard with the PTO mailroom date stamp of 10/02/03 showing that the Assignment was received along with the application. Also enclosed is a copy of the cover letter which lists the assignment and check paying for assignment recordation.

We have also attached a notice showing that our firm has undergone a name change as a result of reorganization. The firm name was Armstrong, Westerman & Hattori, LLP. It has been changed to Armstrong, Kratz, Quintos, Hanson & Brooks, LLP.

Serial No. 10/677,540
Docket No. 02297-PA
Inventor: Hepburn et al.

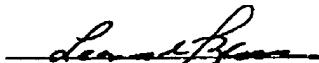
Accordingly, the applicants requests that the Filing Receipt be changed to reflect the above corrections, and that a corrected Filing Receipt be issued.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

1-29-04


Leonard Bloom
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 18,369

ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS,
HANSON & BROOKS, LLP
Leonard Bloom, Senior Counsel
502 Washington Avenue, Suite 220
Towson, MD 21204

Phone: 410-337-2295
Fax: 410-337-2296
E-Mail: lbpatent@mindspring.com

LB/mbs

C:\Corel\Office9\WPWin9\Madeline\docket work\02297-PA\1-29-04.wpd



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
 United States Patent and Trademark Office
 Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPL NO.	FILING OR 371 (C) DATE	ART UNIT	FIL FEE REC'D	ATTY.DOCKET NO	DRAWINGS	TOT CLMS	IND CLMS
10/677,540	10/02/2003	3743	385	02297-PA	12	8	2

CONFIRMATION NO. 9551

~~ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN & HATTORI, LLP~~

Suite 220
 502 Washington Avenue
 Towson, MD 21204

Armstrong, Kratz,
Quintos, Hanson & Brooks, LLP

FILING RECEIPT



'OC000000011666950'

Please see Petition.

Date Mailed: 01/12/2004

Receipt is acknowledged of this regular Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections, facsimile number 703-746-9195. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s)

George R. Hepburn, Severna Park, MD;
 Russell Vedeloff, Greensboro, MD;

Assignment for Published
Patent Application -

DYNASPLINT SYSTEMS, INC.

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 01/05/2004

Projected Publication Date: 04/07/2005

Non-Publication Request: No

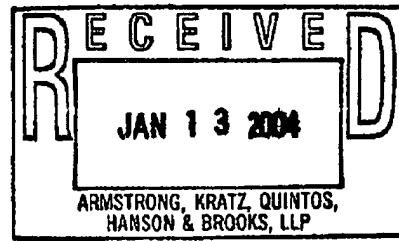
Early Publication Request: No

** SMALL ENTITY **

Title

Adjustable splint device for relieving contractures

Preliminary Class



THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS & TRADEMARKS, Washington, D.C. 20231

Serial No. To be Assigned Docket No. 0222911-14 Inventor/Mark: H. P. BLOOM
E T AL

The following was received in the Mail Room of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon.

- Amendment
- Amendment After Final Rejection
- Affidavit of Use
- Application for Patent
- Application for Registration of Mark
- Assignment → 03970 U.S. PTO
- Brief on Appeal 10/677540
- Certificate of Correction
- Check(s)
- Claim For Priority
- Declaration
- Formal Drawing(s) 12 sheets
- Informal Drawing(s) _____ sheets
- Information Disclosure Statement
- Issue Fee Transmittal

10-2-03

Date



HANSON & BROOKS, LLP	
MINTONG, KATZ QUINN	
100-51 OCT 15 2003	
U.S. PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE	
DECEMBER 2002	
Form PTO-1525	
Utility Patent Application	
Transmitter Form	
() Power of Attorney	
() Continuation or Continuation-In-Part Application	
() Small Entity Declaration	
() Terminal Disclaimer	
() Trademark Renewal	
() Other	

Form PTO-1525
Utility Patent Application
Transmitter Form

Leonard Bloom
 Attorney for Applicant(s)

VIA EXPRESS MAIL: EV31541031545

Intellectual Property Law Offices
ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN & HATTORI, LLP

BALTIMORE OFFICE

SUITE 220
 502 WASHINGTON AVENUE
 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

PHONE: (410) 337-2295
 FACSIMILE: (410) 337-2296
 TOLL FREE: 1-877-733-4766
 E-MAIL: lpatent@mindspring.com

LEONARD BLOOM +
 SENIOR COUNSEL
ROBERT M. GAMISON
SAM ROSEN

WASHINGTON OFFICE:

JAMES E. ARMSTRONG, III +
WILLIAM F. WESTERMAN *
KEN-ICHI HATTORI *
WILLIAM G. KRATZ, JR. *
MEL R. QUINTOS *
DONALD W. HANSON *
STEPHEN G. ADRIAN *
SCOTT M. DANIELS *
WILLIAM L. BROOKS *
THOMAS J. MACPEAK *
JOHN F. CARNIE *
JOHN P. KONG *

JAMES E. ARMSTRONG, IV +
SADAO KINASHI *
THOMAS E. BROWN *
MICHAEL J. CARDI
MICHAEL S. ALPRIN
JOSEPH L. FELBER *
KENNETH H. SALEN *
MICHAEL N. LAU *
GEORGE N. STEVENS *

* Maryland and D.C. Bars
 * Not admitted in Maryland

VIA EXPRESS MAIL
 EV 315410915 US

Commissioner for Patents
 P. O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Our Docket No. 02297-PA

October 2, 2003

WASHINGTON OFFICE

1725 K STREET, N.W., SUITE 1000
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

TOKYO LIAISON OFFICE

6TH FLOOR
 DIAMOND PLAZA BLDG
 25 ICHIBANCHO, CHIYODA-KU
 TOKYO 102, JAPAN

PITTSBURGH OFFICE

THE LAW & FINANCE BUILDING
 SUITE 707, 429 FOURTH AVENUE
 PITTSBURGH, PA 15219

OF COUNSEL
RONALD P. NAUGHTON
EDWARD F. WELSH
NICOLAS E. SECKEL
NICHOLAS S. BROMER
EDWARD F. KENENHAN, JR.

JAPANESE BUREAU
SHUJI YOSHIZAKI
YASUHISA KUROSE

PATENT AGENTS
JAMES N. BAKER, PH.D.
DANIEL A. GESELOWITZ, PH.D.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMITTAL

I hereby certify that this correspondence is
 being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service
 as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to:
 Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450,
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: October 2, 2003
 Express Mail Label No.: EV 315410915 US

By *[Signature]*

Dear Sir:

**THIS NEW PATENT APPLICATION IS BEING FILED BY EXPRESS MAIL, TODAY.
 AND IS ENTITLED TO HAVE TODAY'S DATE ON THE OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT.**

Enclosed please find the following:

1. New U.S.A. patent application entitled "ADJUSTABLE SPLINT DEVICE FOR RELIEVING CONTRACTURES", including abstract, specification and claims (17 pages) and formal drawings (12 sheets), Hepburn et al, Inventors.
2. Declaration duly executed.
3. Assignment duly executed.

ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN & HATTORI, LLP

Commissioner for Patents

2

October 2, 2003

4. Form PTO-1595 duly executed.
5. Utility Patent Application Transmittal duly executed, in duplicate.
6. Our check No. 01271, in the amount of \$425.00, to cover the application filing fee (\$385.00) and the assignment filing fee (\$40.00). ←
7. Our post card. (Please date stamp and return.)

The inventors are:

Mr. George R. Hepburn
1 Cedar Point Road
Severna Park, MD 21146

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Mr. Russell Vedeloff
25449 Shad Run Way
Greensboro, MD 21639

Citizenship: U.S.A.

This applicant is a small entity.

Please address all correspondence to:

ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN & HATTORI, LLP
502 Washington Avenue
Suite 220
Towson, Maryland 21204.

If there are any additional fees required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2839.

Jan 29 04 03:21p

Leonard Bloom

410 337 2296

P.8

Commissioner for Patents

3

October 2, 2003

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



Sam Rosen
Reg. No. 37,991

SR/jjr
Enclosures

C:\Corel\Office\7\WPWin7\Judy\pto\02297pa-ptoltr-hepburn.wpd

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Patent Application

Serial No.	Filing Date	Attorney Docket No.
10/677, 540	10/02/2003	02297-PA

As a result of a reorganization, our firm - - -

ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN & HATTORI, LLP

has been changed to - - -

ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS, HANSON & BROOKS, LLP

Our address, telephone and facsimile numbers remain the same.

Please send all future communications to:

ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS, HANSON & BROOKS, LLP
502 Washington Avenue, Suite 220
Towson, Maryland 21204
Phone: 410-337-2295
Fax: 410-337-2296

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Leonard Bloom
Reg. No. 18,369

Dated: Jan 29, 2004

FORMS PATENT CHANGE OF NAME INFO TO PTO